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Health Survey
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a Government health survey has revealed that the urban India is more sick than rural India, women are more vulnerable to diseases in both the cities and villages as compared to men, higher number of persons are not covered by health expenditure and allopathy remains the preferred treatment in rural and urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereon; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation including promotion of alternative medicines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) & (b): According to the report 'Health in India' brought out by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in April, 2016 based on NSS 71st Round (January−June, 2014) conducted by them, about 9% of rural population and 12% of urban population reported ailment during a 15 day reference period. As compared to 8% males in rural areas and 10.1% males in urban areas, 9.9 % and 13.5 % females reported aliment in rural and urban areas respectively. Further, as high as 86% of rural population and 82% of urban population were not covered under any scheme of health expenditure support. Around 90% people preferred allopathic treatment in both rural and urban sectors.
The estimates of ailments are based on self-reported morbidity data, rather than on medical examination.
(c): Public health is a State subject. Under the National Health Mission, support is provided to the States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare delivery system including for mainstreaming of AYUSH practitioners through co-location in public health facilities and for AYUSH drugs and pharmacists based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans. Besides, Government of India notified National AYUSH Mission on 29.09.2014 for strengthening the healthcare delivery system under AYUSH. Government of India also implements a central sector scheme for promotion of AYUSH intervention in public health initiatives.